GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION FOR CUSTODIAL DEATHS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any report from the Asian Centre for Human Rights (ACHR) regarding 1400 custodial deaths that have taken place in police custody in the country;

(b) if so,the details and reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the National Human Rights Commission has recommended payment of compensation to the family of such victims;and

(d) if so,the details alongwith the number of cases in which compensation has been provided by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year,State-wise including Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) received 45 complaints of alleged deaths in police custody form Asian Centre for Human Right (ACHR) during the last three years.

The status of the complaints received from ACHR is as under:

i) Number of complaints received 45

ii) Number of complaints disposed of 13

iii) Number of cases under examination 32

No interim relief has been recommended in aforementioned cases disposed of so far.

(d): As per instructions of the NHRC all cases of death in custody are reported to the Commission within 24 hours by the concerned authorities. During the period from 1.4.2005 to

5.12.2008 intimations were received about 588 cases of deaths in police custody.

During the period from 2005-2006 to 2007-2008 and during current year (i.e. upto 5.12.2008),the NHRC has recommended interim relief/compensation in 75 cases of death in police custody, amounting to Rs. 99,20,000/-. A statement indicating year-wise and State-wise details including Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh,indicating total number of cases and amount of compensation recommended is annexed.